



Merrick County Board Minutes



May 27, 2014

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, May 27, 2014 at 9:05 a.m. in the Supervisors Room, County Courthouse, Central City, NE, with Graves, Helgoth, Jefferson, Kucera, Hahn, Weller and Wiegert present. Also present was County Attorney Lynelle Homolka.

Moved Hahn, second Jefferson to convene as Board of Supervisors at 9:15 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

Notice of the meeting was given thereof by publications in the Republican Nonpareil and The Palmer Journal and on the Merrick County website. Proof of publication is filed in the Clerk's Office. Copies of the agenda were mailed to each Supervisor and kept current and available to the public at the County Clerk's Office.

Chairman Wiegert declared the meeting was preceded by publicized notice and having acknowledged and identified the location of the posting of the current copy of the Open Meetings Act, called the meeting to order and in open session at 9:15 a.m.

Agenda: Moved Helgoth, second Kucera to approve the agenda as presented. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Minutes: Moved Graves, second Jefferson to approve the minutes of the May 12, 2014 with the correction of the GIS for \$4,800.00 for the Assessor will be coming out of the Inheritance Fund and not the Assessor's budget as published. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Meeting reports: Graves attended a NIRMA meeting in Lincoln the 22nd and 23rd; Weller attended the Bader Park meeting and said the Platte Peer Group is looking at taking care of the Park corridor where it is now, to a ½ mile south of Marquette; Helgoth attended the Emergency Management meeting with the other two counties involved; Kucera attended the Extension Board meeting; and Wiegert attended the Central District Health meeting on May 12, 2014.

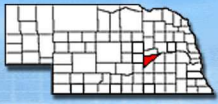
Official reports: Troy Ingram, Extension Educator, said the Extension Board meetings will be moved to the first Tuesday of each month and the 4-H building project is under a new architect. Phase one is under Miller and Associates. County Attorney Homolka said that she and her deputy attended the County Attorney training in Kearney and their intern would be starting June 1, 2014.

Central NE Child Advocacy: Brady Kerkman with Central NE Child Advocacy Executive Director, gave the Board an over view of everything they do in their office. They are all trained forensic interviewers and serve children from the ages of 3 to 18. There are only seven programs like this one in Nebraska. Kerkman said that \$24,000.00 went into Merrick County last year for their services. Their 2014-2015 budget request is \$4,000.00 which is the same as last year. Kerkman praised the County Attorney and Merrick County Law Enforcement and said he wished he could clone them for other counties.

Health Insurance: Chad Svoboda & Cal Strong with Strong Financial handed out new updated rates for health insurance and said they would come to the courthouse every time there was a new employee and explain the health insurance to them and do the paperwork and also when an employee terminated they would do the health insurance paper work. If the County wants them to handle the Cobra, it would cost \$85.00 a month, but they would get someone to do that also. Their new rates included a \$15,000.00 life insurance policy and long term disability. Merrick County would not be age rated until next July or April. Strong Financials territory covers a 50 mile radius from Aurora. Larry Dix, NACO Executive Director, came on behalf of NACO Benefits Service. NACO is all owned by the 93 counties in Nebraska. The NACO pool had a 5% increase which is Blue Cross Blue Shield. Mr. Dix said that NACO Benefits would also come out when there was a new hire and or a termination and their rates would also include the life insurance and long term disability like the county currently has. Moved Kucera, second Helgoth to adopt insurance with CoOpportunity through Strong Financial, Aurora, NE, with a \$1,000.00 single, \$2,000.00 family deductible without the health reimbursement effective July 1, 2014 and pay \$85.00 a month to have Cobra Insurance services provided. Roll Call: Ayes: Kucera, Helgoth, Graves, and Wiegert. Nays: Weller, Jefferson, Hahn. Motion carried.

Special liquor license: Merrick County Board of Supervisors were presented with the a special liquor license request from Jess Brandes, representing the Ag Society, Fair Board. They are requesting a liquor license for Saturday, July 26, 2014, Monday, July 28, 2014, Tuesday, July 29, 2014, and Wednesday July 30, 2014 during the fair. Saturday, July 26, 2014 it will be from 6:00 p.m. to midnight and July 28, 29, and 30th will be from 7:00 p.m. to midnight. Moved Weller, second Helgoth to approve the special liquor license for the Ag Society for Saturday, July 26, 2014, Monday, July 28, 2014, Tuesday, July 29, 2014, and Wednesday July 30, 2014 during the fair. Saturday, July 26, 2014 it will be from 6:00 p.m. to midnight and July 28, 29, and 30th will be from 7:00 p.m. to midnight. Roll Call: Ayes: Hahn, Kucera, Graves, Helgoth, Weller, and Wiegert. Nays: Jefferson. Motion Carried.

Midland Area on Aging: Sandy Stevens, Executive Director of Midland Area on Aging and Colleen Clayton, Central City Senior Center Director, gave a presentation to the Board on all of the activities provided by the Senior Center and also requested \$6,002.00 as their 2014-2015 budget request. This is the same as last year and \$4,100.00 goes to directly



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support the Merrick County Senior Services programs and \$1,902.00 is a membership fee which remains \$1.00 for each person over the age of 60 in Merrick County based on the 2010 census.

Libraries: The 2014-2015 budget request for the Merrick County Libraries in the amount of \$10,000.00 was presented to the Board. The breakdown is \$7,000.00 to Central City Public Library, \$1,000.00 Palmer Library, \$1,000.00 Clarks Library, and \$1,000.00 to the Silver Creek Library.

RESOLUTION 2014-9: Treasurer Bolte presented RESOLUTION 2014-9 to the Board directing her to transfer \$250,000.00 from the General Fund to the Inheritance Fund. This will pay the Inheritance Fund back some of the money that the General Fund has borrowed to pay claims. Moved Graves, second Hahn to approve RESOLUTION 2014-9 directing the Treasurer to transfer \$250,000.00 from the General Fund to the Inheritance Fund. Roll Call: All Ayes. RESOLUTION 2014-9 is on file in the County Clerk's Office for public viewing.

May 2014 payroll: The May 2014 payroll was presented to the Board for approval. Helgoth wants to see vacation, sick, and comp time hours on the bottom of every time sheet for every department. This would include what was carried over from the previous month, accumulated current month, what was used in current month, and what remains at the end of pay period. May 2014 payroll: General: Gross: \$ 102,077.53 Net: \$72,761.74 Roads: Gross: \$ 47,519.64 Net: 31,394.29 Juvenile Diversion: Gross: \$2,331.33 Net: \$1,509.99. Moved Weller, second Graves to pay the payroll claims as presented. Roll Call: Ayes: Hahn, Jefferson, Graves, Weller, and Wiegert. Helgoth and Kucera approved the ones that they signed. Nays: Helgoth and Kucera on the ones they didn't sign. Motion carried.

Adjourn: Move Helgoth, second Kucera to adjourn at 12:25 p.m. Roll Call: All Ayes.

/s/Roger Wiegert, Chairman

/s/Marcia Wichmann, County Clerk